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SUBJECT: FAHMY STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT

SUMMARY: SPEAKING DECEMBER 3 TO PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE, FAHMY CALLED

BRITISH ME POLICY PRO-ISRAELI. BOTH COMMITTEE AND ARAB LEAGUE WILL
STUDY FURTHER ALLEGED ISRAELI BIAS OF HMG. OTHER POINTS MADE BY FAHMY:

POSTPONEMENT OF DUTCH FM'S VISIT BECAUSE OF UNGA VOTE, SPECIAL PRAISE
FOR FRANCE, "DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE" WITH BELGIUM AND IRELAND. END
SUMMARY

1. ACCORDING TO CAIRO PRESS REPORT DEC 4, DURING HIS BRIEFING
FOR EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, FONMIN
FAHMY MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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- A) PRAISED "ATTITUDES" OF FRANCE, ITALY, AND IRELAND;
- B) ANNOUNCED EGYPT HAS ASKED FOR POSTPONEMENT OF SCHEDULED VISIT OF DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER BECAUSE OF NETHERLANDS VOTE "AGAINST THE PALESTINE CAUSE" AT UNGA.
- C) ANNOUNCED "EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" (WHATEVER THAT MEANS) WITH IRELAND AND BELGIUM. (COMMENT: BELGIUM HAS EMBASSY HERE, IRELAND DOES NOT)
- D) ON UK, FAHMY SAID, APPARENTLY REFERRING TO UNGA PALESTINE VOTE, THAT BRITISH STAND WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RES 242 BUT THEN ADDED THAT BEIRUT PAPERS HAVE PUBLISHED SEVERAL ARTICLES ON "PRO-ISRAELI ATTITUDE" OF PM WILSON. FOLLOWING MEETING, SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED COMMITTEE WILL ISSUE STATEMENT ON UK "COLLABORATION WITH ISRAEL."
- E) FAHMY STATED USG HAS SO FAR NOT CHANGED ITS ATTITUDE ON ME ISSUES.

2. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN PIQUE WITH LONDON IS APPARENTLY SERIOUS. ARAB LEAGUE, WHICH DOES NOT MOVE WITHOUT GOE CONCURRENCE, HAS SENT CABLE TO ITS LONDON OFFICE REQUESTING DETAILED REPORT ON RECENT PARTY THERE FOR MRS. MEIR, ATTENDED BY WILSON AND LIBERAL PARTY LEADERS AT WHICH MONEY WAS ALLEGEDLY SOLICITED FOR SUPPORT OF ISRAEL. AHRAM QUOTES AN ARAB LEAGUE "SOURCE" AS SAYING THAT, WHEN THIS REPORT IS RECEIVED, ARAB LEAGUE WILL CONSIDER DEVELOPING UNIFIED ARAB VIEW ON "THIS ALIGNMENT BY BRITAIN".
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